

How Many Single Father Households are in the United States?

Activity Instructions for Students

**Family Households with Own Children Under 18, by State
2010 Census Congressional District Summary File**

State	Family Households with Married Mother and Father	Family Households with Father (no spouse) ^a	Family Households with Mother (no spouse) ^a	Total Family Households with Children
Alabama	348,191	37,524	152,354	538,069
Arizona	465,120	71,914	169,397	706,431
California	2,942,893	356,838	856,882	4,156,523
Connecticut	287,161	26,178	97,651	410,990
Georgia	756,525	86,664	326,439	1,157,619
Hawaii	90,610	10,737	23,898	126,155
Louisiana	304,090	45,517	160,689	510,296
Maryland	439,471	47,191	164,366	651,028
Minnesota	443,212	46,844	123,754	613,770
Montana	73,017	16,799	22,586	109,102
Vermont	45,224	6,647	15,364	67,235
Virginia	644,610	61,887	206,015	912,512

^aData includes state of female householders who have no opposite-sex spouse living in their home. They have a best one child (biological, adopted, or step) under the age of 18 who has never been married.

Activity Assessment

1. Estimate the mean number of **Family Households with Father (no spouse)** per state in the United States by calculating the mean of the randomly selected states in the table above.
2. Do you think the mean you calculated is an accurate representation of the mean number of **Family Households with Father (no spouse)** per state in the United States? Why or why not?
3. What is the median of the **Family Households with Father (no spouse)** in the above data set?
4. What does the median value tell us about the number of **Family Households with Father (no spouse)** in the United States?
5. What is the mode of the **Family Households with Father (no spouse)** in the above data set?